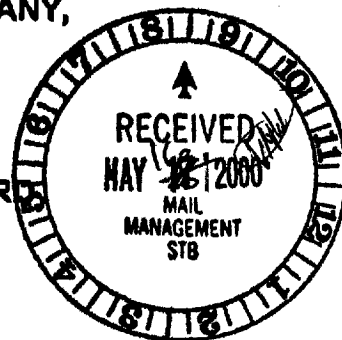


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**STATEMENT OF
SOUTHERN COMPANY SERVICES, INC.
(ACTING ON BEHALF OF ALABAMA POWER COMPANY,
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, GULF POWER COMPANY,
MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY, AND
SAVANNAH ELECTRIC & POWER COMPANY)**

**BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
STB EX PARTE NO. 582 (SUB-1)
MAY 16, 2000**



Southern Company Services, Inc. has elected not to provide specific comments at this stage of the proceedings on The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking served on March 31, 2000 on Major Rail Consolidation Procedures. We do wish to preserve the opportunity to provide comments in accordance with the published rulemaking schedule.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this statement of Southern Company Services, Inc. has been duly served on all Parties of Record identified in the Ex Parte 582 (SUB-1) service list via first class mail in the United States Postal Service this 16th day of May, 2000.